

**JAMES W. ALEXANDER PTA, INC.**  
**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**April 13, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Tori McMahan called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and led the flag salute. She welcomed teacher representatives Mrs. Ferraris and Mrs. Burke.

**ESTABLISHING QUORUM:** (Executive Committee)

Excused from tonight's meeting and those present; see attached list.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes were distributed and will be filed as approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Julie McGuinness reported from the Statement of Accounts for March 2, 2010, through April 13, 2010. A beginning balance of \$9,206.25, receipts of \$4,243.30, disbursements of \$2,815.92, and an ending balance of \$10,633.63. The report was filed for audit. (See copy of attached report.).

**Correspondence:** Jen Haley reported correspondence from Karla Nami thanking us for the baby gift.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget & Finance** – Ellen Iorio reported that the order forms for the Gift Card Sale need to be returned by Friday, April 16, 2010 and that pick up for orders will be on Field Day, April 29, 2010. Ellen also reported that a flyer will soon be going home for the Spring Box Tops contest and the class that collects the most will win an ice cream treat. Ellen also reported that June 2, 2010 will be our second annual Maggie Moos Celebrity Scoop Night and we will receive fifteen percent of the day's total sales. Ellen will be asking teachers if they would like to volunteer to scoop between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Ellen further stated that Movie Night will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 and that the featured movie will be Disney's UP and that the admission price will be five dollars and each student will receive a juice pouch and popcorn; a flyer will be distributed with more information. Ellen lastly stated that the third annual Not Just Clothing Drive will be held on Saturday, October 2 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and we will be collecting all clothing items, shoes, hard toys and stuffed animals.

**Family Activities** – Jodi Morgan reported on Cindy Mimmo's behalf that we have the upcoming fundraiser at A&M Plant Market to be held all day on both May 1, 2010 and May 2, 2010 and is once again a coupon that you bring to A&M and when you check out your merchandise, the school will get twenty percent of your total purchase. Jodi also reported that the Trenton Thunder Family Night Out will be held on Friday, May 14, 2010 and flyers will be going home for both events.

**Grandparents Day** – Jodi Morgan reported that Grandparents/Special Persons Day will be held on April 30, 2010 and a volunteer sign-up sheet is being distributed for anyone who can help.

**Fifth Grade Activities** – Debbie Hamm reported that the yearbook has been completed and sent to LifeTouch for production and yearbooks will be distributed the last two days of school; 230 yearbooks were sold and the committee budget will purchase ten more yearbooks for the principal, library, fifth grade teachers and fifth grade students who did not place an order which brought the total to 240; however, the contract is for 251 which was more advantageous to keep the lower contract price and therefore a limited number of yearbooks will be available for sale without pre-ordering and if you are interested in reserving a copy, please contact Bev Braddock.

Debbie further stated that with regard to Fundraising, the fifth grade committee is having a Joe Corbi's fundraiser and order forms and catalogs went home on Monday. Debbie also thanked everyone who participated in the Spring Silly Bands sale and to those who helped assemble the bands for distribution; 832 bands were sold with a profit of \$445. Debbie lastly stated that she is waiting for Wendy's and Originals Pizza to get back to her about Field Day food sale and more details will follow.

**Field Day** – Debbie Hamm reported that the committee met over the weekend and a flyer is being created with the permission slip for lunch and parent volunteer forms for the room representatives for the slips to be returned to the teachers. Debbie also stated that due to a conflict with Chartwells, the PTA will not be able to provide popsicles as they had in the past and on the form being sent home, there will be a spot for parents to volunteer to bring in a snack for when Field Day is concluded. Debbie further stated that Field Day will be handled a bit differently this year to eliminate the burden regarding lack of parent volunteers as we have seen in past years; rather, each set of room representatives will receive a complete description of each game and parents following the class can help run the game or help with the water wagon as the class rotates to each station; room representatives will also receive a map of the field with their starting points. Debbie will be in touch with Mrs. Doherty about receiving this information for distribution.

**Historical Yearbook** – Debbie Hamm reported that the committee will be meeting next week and that any flyers and/or pictures from PTA sponsored events should be emailed to her at [hamnchs@aol.com](mailto:hamnchs@aol.com).

**Programs** – Jamie Rosica reported that the wild animals encounter assembly was held and went great; because of the low cost and the well receiving of the assembly, she and Mrs. Stevenson thought it would be best to do an animal assembly every year.

Jamie further reported that the flyer went home for the poster contest; grades second through fifth were asked to do a teamwork poster; Mr. Cannizzaro will judge and one winner from each grade which will receive a free movie night ticket. Jamie stated that the deadline for poster submission is April 30, 2010.

**Teacher Appreciation** – Linda Ackerson reported that things are underway but still could use help and she will send around sign-up sheets for volunteers. Linda also stated that she will send out reminder emails of who signed up for what. Lastly, Linda reminded everyone that the luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

**Kindergarten Registration** – Kalyn Vizzoni stated that kindergarten orientation is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2010 and that children will visit the classrooms and parents will have a question and answer session. Kalyn also stated that a sign-up sheet will be distributed for any volunteers who can help with refreshments for the morning of the orientation.

Kalyn further stated that sweats and t-shirts went home from the orders that were placed and it looks like we made about \$140.

**Recognitions** – Tori McMahon reported on behalf of Diane Kern and Deb Johannsen that secretaries will be receiving gift certificates for Rosa's Restaurant.

**Nominating Committee** – Kathy Register reported that all positions are filled. Incoming President will be Jennifer Haley, First Vice-President will be Kelli Philburn, and Treasurer will be Alicia Liffland, Vice-President of Budget and Finance is Kathy Register and to replace Jennifer Haley as Corresponding Secretary will be Joanne Hyman.

**Communications** – Tori McMahon reported on behalf of Denise Goldenbaum that the committee will not be meeting again before the newsletter deadline of May 4, 2010 but that all submissions should be sent to Denise Goldenbaum.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was no old business to be discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tori McMahon discussed the Alexander Alumni Awards and stated that the Alexander PTA presents a monetary award at Steinert's Awards Night to one male and one female member of the graduating class who is also an Alexander Alumni for the purpose of offsetting the cost of their continuing education; for the next several years, we will also be presenting the Lorraine D'Zurilla Memorial Scholarship award to an Alexander alumnus who intends to pursue a career in the sciences, in memory of an Alexander teacher for whom science was a passion; generally, the Steinert Scholarship Committee has chosen the award recipients ; Tori asked us to decide if we should have the Scholarship Committee choose the recipients again or if we want to form a Scholarship Committee here. A motion was made by Kathy Register to request selection of the scholarship recipients by the Steinert Scholarship Committee and the motion was seconded by Debbie Hamm. Tori further stated that the award request also includes selection criteria and for last year's awards, the selection criteria for the Alexander Alumni Scholarship were: (a) graduate of Alexander, (b) must have attended Alexander for a minimum of 3 years and (c) it was also specified that one male and one female recipient were to be chosen. Tori further stated that for the D'Zurilla Memorial

Scholarship last year, the selection criteria were: (a) graduate of Alexander, (b) must have attended Alexander for a minimum of three years and (c) intending to pursue a degree in the sciences. Wendy Quevel made a motion for the selection criteria to remain the same as last year and the motion was seconded by Joanne Hyman.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Tori McMahan stated that she had distributed Board Surveys previously and she has sent an e-mail to those people whose surveys she has yet to receive and if a copy of the survey was needed, she would provide one at the conclusion of tonight's meeting. Tori further stated if you will be resigning from the Executive Board, please put that in writing and submit same to her as soon as possible.

Tori further stated that the Spring Council Dinner will be held on April 22, 2010 and those attending were reminded to bring their PTA membership cards. Tori further stated that she had met with the Hamilton Township PTA President regarding the school budget and encouraged everyone to vote for the school board candidates in the upcoming election.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:** Mrs. Stevenson introduced the Early Act and Student Council members who attended tonight's meeting and both discussed their programs. Mrs. Stevenson further discussed upcoming testing dates for grades Third, Fourth and Fifth and that the teachers have already begun to prepare the students for these tests. Mrs. Stevenson also stated that the Teacher of the Year was chosen and Mrs. Ferraris was selected. Mrs. Stevenson further discussed the upcoming School Board Election and encouraged everyone to vote and informed us as to some of the proposed changes to the budget.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The Super 50/50 winners were selected and Ellen Iorio will contact the three winners to claim their prize. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*Tricia E. Bannister*

**Recording Secretary**